(II) Two passports were issued to Sri Lankan nationals from Passport Office, Trichy, in 2002.

(III) Eleven passports were issued to Afghan nationals from Regional Passport Office, Delhi, in 2000 and 2002.

(IV) One passport was issued to a Bangladeshi national from Regional Passport Office, Kolkata, in 2002.

(V) One passport was issued to a Pakistani national from Regional Passport Office, Bangalore, in 2002.

(VI) Two passports were issued to Pakistan nationals from Regional Passport Office, Mumbai, in 2006.

Nuclear agreement with America

†*66. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of the bilateral nuclear agreement (123 agreement) signed between India and America;

(b) the issues over which differences have developed between the two countries in the implementation of the said agreement;

(c) whether any discussion was held on this issue with America during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Germany for attending the G-8 conference there;

(d) the number of rounds of discussions held so far between the two countries in order to resolve the said differences of opinion; and

(e) the details of the outcome of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) India and the USA have agreed on the text of a bilateral Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The Agreement is the result of five rounds of negotiations, which took place between June, 2006 and July, 2007. At their meeting at the G-8 Summit in Germany in June, 2007, Prime Minister and the US President reiterated their commitment to the early finalisation of the Agreement.

The outcome of the discussions is the final text that has been agreed to the mutual satisfaction of both Governments. It reflects the political understandings and commitments of July, 2005 and March, 2006 and the basic principles listed out in the statement of Prime Minister in Parliament on August 17, 2006. The text of the Agreement has been released to the public on August 3, 2007.

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